

## DETROIT'S MISSIONARIES TO WORKER

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Convinced that Christianity will perish unless it speaks more effectively to modern man, six Protestant clergymen here are quietly placing religion in a new dimension. And their ideas are fast spreading to other industrial centers.

For seven years, with limited finances and a tiny staff, the Detroit Industrial Mission (DIM) has made its parish the production line and the executive suite. But unlike most similar ventures, it seeks neither to convert nor to convince, but only to narrow the chasm between religion and work.

This week, for example, the Rev. Scott I. Paradise will huddle once again with production workers at Whitehead & Kales' heavy steel fabricating plant. They'll talk about profit-sharing plans. On Wednesday afternoon the Rev. Hugh C. White, Jr., executive director of DIM, will meet with engineers at Ford Division-Truck Engineering. The topic: Industry's impact upon managers and their families.

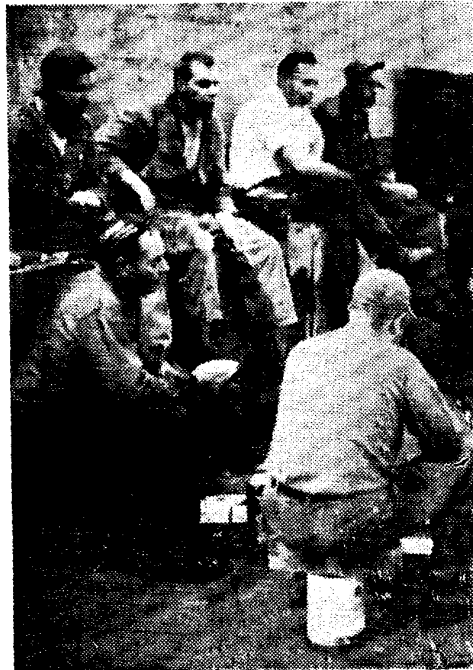
Last Thursday DIM made arrangements to begin working with management and with workers on the plant floor at Chrysler Corp.'s Highland Park Power Train Manufacturing division. The hourly rated workers, like most other groups, will meet during lunch breaks and shift breaks to talk over union elections, job security, politics. The white-collar employees will discuss such things as costs, employee relations, and promotion policies.

Where does religion fit in?

"Where is it missing?" retorts the crew-cut, outspoken Rev. Jesse Christman, one of two ordained ministers who joined DIM last year after three and one-

half years on the Cadillac assembly line. Every major decision in life involves a moral question, he contends. This applies in industry as it does in the home.

At present, DIM staff members meet regularly with men in 23 industry-related endeavors in Detroit. They work with engineers at Ford Motor Co., with hourly



The Rev. Mr. Paradise (hatless in photo) of Whitehead & Kales plant to